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CRAWFORD THEATRE
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TONIGHT
HENRY W. SAVAGE OFFERS
RICHARD GOLDEN
In the Comedy-Opera,

"KING DODO"

By Pixley & Loden, authors "Prince of Pilsen."
Charming Choral. Special Stage Settings.
Prices, \$1.50, \$1.00, 50c, 25c. Seats on sale at Howe's jewelry store Monday, January 4, 9 a. m.

Thursday, January 7

LAST SEASON'S BIG SUCCESS.
Mr. Phil Hunt Presents the Romantic Comedy-Drama

"Down by the Sea"

Interpreted by a Spianard Company, including

Miss Fannie Curtis

See the Illuminated Cathedral
The Electrical Storm at Sea
See East Haven Light and Rescue
Wonderful Electrical Effects
Magnificent Scenic Effects
Startling Mechanical Effects.
Prices, 50c, 25c, 10c and 5c. Seats on sale at Howe's jewelry store.

Friday, January 8th

A Mighty Mingling of the Minstrel
Marvels!

Richards & Pringle's

Famous Georgia Minstrels
TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL TOUR

50-Imperial Fun Makers-50

Prices, 50c, 25c, 10c and 5c. Seats on sale at Howe's jewelry store.

Saturday, January 9th

Matinee, 2:30, and Night, 8:15.
LOUIS FRED'K

James and Warde

In Wagenhals and Kemper's Marvelous
Scenic Spectacle.

"Alexander the Great"

A Gem of Majestic Beauty.
Prices, 50c, 25c, 10c and 5c. Seats on sale Thursday, Matinee, 1:00, 7c, 5c.

Monday, January 11th

Matinee, 2:30; Night, 8:15.
Stetson's

UNCLE TOM'S CABIN CO.

THE BARNUM OF ALL.
Under the Management of Leon W. Washburn.

Metropolitan Stock Co.

Supporting
Miss Dorothy Reeves

Standard Plays

Opening, Bill, Minnie Madden Fisk's
Version of

"CAPRICE"

Prices, 50c, 25c, 10c, Ladies free opening
night under special conditions. SALE
NOW OPEN.

Grand Prizes

Given Away at the

Poultry Show

Each admission entitles you to a
chance on one Buckeye Junior Heating
Stove, donated by Housh Hardware com-
pany; one large Upholstered Rocker,
by J. O. Gilbert's Furniture House; one
large Lamp, by J. C. Dunn & Bro.; one
large Picture, by Young Bros.

See Them in the Window at
155 N. Main Street

Notice.
The registration books of the city of
Wichita are now open for the registration
of voters for the year 1904.

J. L. ISLAND, City Clerk.

Twenty per cent discount from regular
prices on all Clocks until after invoice,
January 15, at Varney's. 42-2t.

Prof. Hartman's Dancing academy
class for beginners Monday, Social dances
Wednesday and Saturday evenings. Children
free. Class Saturday afternoon. Private
lessons by appointment at any time.

Twenty per cent discount from regular
prices on all Clocks until after invoice,
January 15, at Varney's. 42-2t.

Attend Wichita Business College and
Sheridan Institute. It is open always
to persons of both sexes. Paid, Adams,
Hilberger and Price, 114-116 North Mar-
ket street, Wichita, Kansas. 42-4t.

Twenty per cent discount from regular
prices on all Clocks until after invoice,
January 15, at Varney's. 42-2t.

WAGE SCALE IS UP

Grievance Committee of Fire-
men Continue Conference

CLERKS GO TO CHICAGO

Tariff Clerks of Freight De-
partment to Leave.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 5.—The grievance committee of the Santa Fe firemen continued their conference today with General Manager Mudge. Another session will be held tomorrow. Nothing has been given out as to the topics under discussion, but it is known that the wage scale is one of the most important. No difficulty in arriving at a settlement is expected. It is announced at the Santa Fe general offices that the tariff clerks of the freight department of the road are to be removed to Chicago in a short time. F. C. Macghey, assistant general freight agent for the road, was transferred to Chicago some time ago, and the tariff clerks will be in his department.

STILL TALKING WATER.

Colorado Is Anxious to Hasten the Ar-
kansas River Case.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 5.—Attorney General N. C. Miller, of Colorado, is here today on business connected with the Colorado Kansas water suit in the United States supreme court. He is urging Attorney General Coleman to file the pleadings on the part of Kansas as soon as possible in order to bring the case to a speedy conclusion, but he does not expect a decision within a year or more.

BANQUET FOR POLLOCK.

Wyandotte County Bar Association
Will Be the Host.

Kansas City, Kan., Jan. 5.—The Wyandotte County Bar association is preparing to give a banquet to Judge John C. Pollock, on the night of January 22. The arrangements are in charge of a committee consisting of A. L. Berger, James F. Getty and O. L. Miller, and the banquet will be given in the Elk's lodge rooms. Among the invited guests will be Justice David Brewer of the United States Supreme court, William C. Hook, United States circuit judge, the seven judges of the Kansas supreme court, Judge John F. Phillips of Kansas City, Mo.; George F. Sharrett, clerk of the United States circuit court; Frank L. Brown, clerk United States district court; John S. Dean, United States attorney, and W. H. Mackey, United States marshal.

BALIE WAGGENER EXPLAINS.

Odd Fellows Asked the Governor to
Appoint Him.

Atchison, Kan., Jan. 5.—Balie Waggener, of Atchison, who was appointed by Governor Bailey to prosecute the action against Troutman & Stone of this city, to recover title to the De Boissiere estate, says today, contrary to report, there was no politics in his appointment. Speaking about the matter yesterday he said:

"I do not care to try the case in the newspapers. The public will in due time get possession of all the facts. There is no politics in the case at all. Governor Bailey appointed me to assist the county attorney at the instance of the Odd Fellows of the state. There are over thirty thousand members of the organization in the state of Kansas and, so far as I am advised, there is among them no division of sentiment that if the Odd Fellows cannot get possession of this property, they want the state to have it. The Odd Fellows in this state contributed over \$4,000 for improvements of the De Boissiere estate, relying upon the conviction that the title had been vested as intended by Mr. De Boissiere. They have acted throughout in the utmost good faith and, if necessary, they are willing to spend that much more in order that the people of Kansas may be fully advised as to how and why they are to lose this large sum of money. It may be that they have no remedy. It may be that this large sum of money, or the fruits of it, can be retained by Messrs. Troutman & Stone, but I believe the poor residents somewhere to compel them to disgorge. "The cardinal features of Odd Fellowship are 'Faith,' 'Hope,' and 'Charity.' They have faith in the justice of their cause; hope that it will succeed; and must necessarily throw 'the mantle of charity over Messrs. Troutman & Stone' at least for the time being. The time may come when the mantle may have to be held on the shelf."

Senate Confirms Them.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The senate today in executive session confirmed the following nominations of postmaster: John T. Terry—Robert B. Ross, Tahlequah.

DIVIDEND IS PASSED.

Statement of Earnings for '93 Shows a
Great Shrinkage.

New York, Jan. 5.—The dividend on United States Steel common was passed at the quarterly meeting of the directors today, but the regular one of three-quarters was declared on the preferred stock. This was practically what Wall Street expected. At the previous quarterly meeting the common dividend was cut from a 4 to a 2 per cent basis.

The statement of earnings for 1903 shows a great shrinkage in the business of the corporation. Net earnings (December estimated), aggregated \$108,979,812, as against \$111,388,751 in 1902, and \$108,979,812 in the first nine months of the corporation's history in 1901. Briefly, business for the twelve months of 1903 was only about \$2,000,000 in excess of that for the first nine months of the corporation's existence.

For the last quarter of 1903 net earnings (December estimated at \$3,700,000) were \$4,965,082, as against \$21,485,778 for the same quarter of 1901. This earnings for the last quarter were decidedly less than half of those in 1901. It is probable that when complete returns are in for December, 1903, the last quarter may show slightly more than 50 per cent of earnings for the same period of 1901.

The net balance, after appropriations for sinking fund bonds of subsidiary companies, depreciation, improvements and construction and interest on regular bonds as well as sinking funds, have been deducted, issued \$60,083,200, as against \$11,210,000 in 1901. The undivided profits or surplus for 1903 aggregated \$11,962,443, which is less by \$22,251,002 than in the previous year. This is partly accounted

for, however, by the charging off for depreciation in inventory valuations and for adjustments of sundry accounts of \$5,700,000, as against nothing in 1902.

On December 31, last, the companies' unfilled orders aggregated 3,251,121 tons, as against 5,347,353 on the same day of 1902.

CANNON FOR VICE-PRESIDENT.

Illinois Republicans Favor the Speaker
for Second Place.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Representative Vespasian Warner, one of the leading candidates for governor of Illinois, is in Washington. He says the sentiment in the state is very strong for the nomination of "Uncle" Joe Cannon on the ticket with President Roosevelt. "I do not say it simply for the purpose of uttering something pleasant about Mr. Cannon," said Colonel Warner, "it is a fact that no other man in the United States is as strong today with the people of Illinois as the present speaker of the house. They think there is nothing too good for him which is within their power to bestow. I heard it talked everywhere I went. The people think Mr. Cannon would be a strong man as Roosevelt's running mate. There is a feeling that it would be entertaining to see him presiding over the senate, which would be his duty if elected vice-president."

"I am aware, of course," added Colonel Warner, "that Mr. Cannon does not want any such nomination. He naturally prefers to stay where he is. I am simply stating how the people of Illinois feel toward him."

Colonel Warner is modest about discussing his gubernatorial boom. There are several other aspirants in the field. He declares that nothing of a definite character has yet appeared on which to form judgment about the prospective gubernatorial nominees.

The Illinois Republicans usually have a love feast early in January, when there is a general discussion of political affairs. Men are often able to discover from these meetings something about the trend of political thought in the state. On account of the theater disaster at Chicago this love feast will not be held in January, as planned, at least not till very late in the month, and probably not till some time in February.

PURE FOOD LEGISLATION.

That Subject Is Considered by the
House Committee.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Pure food legislation was taken up today by the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce. Proposed amendments to the present laws were explained to the committee by Dr. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry of the department of agriculture. An amendment suggested by the national pure food association strikes out the words with intent in the provision against misbranding of foods so as to relieve the government from the necessity of proving the intent to deceive in such action.

Dr. Wiley said fifty cargoes of German wines containing salicylic acid had been sent back under the law regulating importations of foreign foods. During the six months the law had been in operation without suit or process of law, nearly all ships of adulterated foreign foods had been stopped, although previous to the operation of the law of 10 per cent of all imported foods and drinks were adulterated. Representative Mann asked if salicylic acid was injurious to health. Dr. Wiley replied that according to general opinion it was injurious. However, he said, he was now conducting food experiments to ascertain this fact.

"Then," declared Mr. Mann, "you have barred out German wines before you knew they were injurious."

"We have taken the action because the German laws prohibit salicylic acid," replied Dr. Wiley.

"Yes," retorted Mr. Mann, "but that law was passed for the express purpose of retaliation against Germany."

Mr. Mann declared that if the present bill became a law it would permit Dr. Wiley to destroy millions of dollars of export business in meats by declaring Borax injurious to health. He suggested an amendment to allow substances to be placed in foods for export when such substances were not prohibited by the laws of the country to which the foods were to be shipped. No opposition to this amendment was made by Dr. Wiley. The committee will resume the consideration of the pure food bill next Friday.

BILLS ON LAND LAW.

Senate Committee Would Take Them
Up Pending a Report.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The senate committee on public lands today discussed the advisability of taking up the bills affecting land laws before a report has been received from the special committee for that purpose which was appointed by the president. Clifford Binchard, chief forester and Prof. H. F. Hewitt, chief hydrographer of the geological survey, both of whom are members of the commission have gone to Portland, Ore., to attend the conventions of the national livestock and National Wool Growers' association and will continue the investigation while in the west. No decision was reached by the committee though the sentiment seemed to be that it was advisable when the commission report would be filed the bills now pending before the committee would not be considered except in connection with the report.

ARRIVES FROM ORIENT.

Newspapers Were Filled With Stories
of Preparation.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 5.—The steamship Empress of China arrived from the orient today, bringing advices up to December 25. When the vessel left Japan the newspapers were filled with reports of engagements of transports, mobilization of troops, stocking of provisions and other matters dealing with preparations for war. All reports agree that Japan was putting the finishing touches to her formidable sea and land armaments. The Japan reports that the Tokio arsenal recently received urgent orders from the military authorities for 80,000 horseshoes of a peculiar pattern and so fashioned as to be well adapted for use in an ice-bound country. The Japanese warships at sea and many, many, had ordered the cruiser now in the Woo Sang river to be prepared for war.

The Chee Foo correspondent of the Morning Post says that in the event of war Wei-Hai-Wei will be abandoned as useless, as it is not fortified. The correspondent bears that great preparations are being taken by vessels entering Port Arthur, as it is feared some attempt may be made to sink them and so block the channel.

HAYTIAN MINISTER EXPLAINS.

Sent Cruisers in Order to Emphasize
a Demand.

Paris, Jan. 5.—M. Jean Joseph, the Haytian minister here, gave an explanation today of the question which has arisen between Hayti and France and Germany relative to the demands made for the re-

WHAT IT IS ABOUT

Particulars of the Points at
Issue in Far East.

JAPAN FEARS AGGRESSION

Cannot Permit Russia to En-
croach Upon Corea.

New York, Jan. 5.—The Associated Press has been furnished with the following statement of the Japanese view of its present contention with Russia by one who is in constant communication with Tokio and whose knowledge of Japanese affairs and intimacy with prominent Japanese give weight to his opinion: The negotiations between Russia and Japan have reached a critical stage although an amicable adjustment is still possible. Russia's reply to Japan's latest representations will decide the issue. While neither government has taken the public into its confidence, it is not difficult to surmise the general tenor of the views which the Japanese government will express. Something in the nature of an agreement between the two governments whereby they limit themselves to respect the independence and territorial integrity both of China and of Corea would naturally come first. Such an agreement would probably also include mutual recognition of the special interests of Russia in Manchuria and of Japan in Corea, coupled with an agreement based on the principle of equality of all nations as regards commercial opportunities in those countries; that neither contracting party shall interfere with the commercial rights of the other acquired by treaty with China or Corea. In a word it is probably the fact that Japan has asked for more of Russia than commensurate with the Japanese position of Russia's reply regarding the unsatisfactory nature of her motives with reference to Manchuria. Russia's reply has evidently been a surprise and a disappointment to Japan. It is generally understood that Russia has virtually refused to discuss the situation in Manchuria and has proposed something in the nature of a neutral zone in northern Corea on the Manchurian frontier, extending as far as Wong Tan on the east and Ping Yang on the west. It is difficult to perceive how Japan could accept this proposal. To Russia the indefinite prolongation of Russia's stay upon the borders of Corea, and the neutralization of nearly one-third